



A Starfleet Command chapter in Davenport, Iowa



 **Starfleet Command** 

USS Mighty Mississippi
NCC 201151
Runabout-Class Vessel
Built at Utopia Planitia Fleet Yards on Star Date 1107.16

"While Earth may have many rivers, the Mississippi is the mightiest."

Commissioning Officer: CAPT James Olson, Commanding Starbase 03.
Shakedown Cruise Commanding Officer: LTJg Rose Compton.
Shakedown Crew: ENS Ed Ciccarone.
Admiralty: FADM James R. Jackson, ADM Mark Williams, ADM Vincent Williams,
ADM Anthony Scott, ADM Timothy Schell, ADM Gary Barclay, and ADM Rick Pinsky.

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VINCENT D. WILLIAMS, Admiral, SFC
Chief of Membership Services



Mississippi Current



December 2011



Captain's Log

Lt. Jg. Rose Compton

We'd like to congratulate the award winners at Starbase Indy in 2011. You certainly set high standards for each of us to attempt to achieve and make us proud to be associated with the group.

As we look back, 2011 was a busy year and joining Starfleet Command was a good move for us. Heading into 2012, as a group, we are already looking ahead and making plans for future projects. We have some exciting prospects and if luck is with us, we will have some interesting things to report in the upcoming months. (As well as having a lot of fun along the way.)

We would like to take this moment to wish you and yours a very Happy and Prosperous 2012.

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Quote of the Quarter

James T. Kick ... [Stepping aboard the bridge as its official captain] "*Bones! Buckle up!*"

(Good advice for 2012 and the crew of USS Mighty Mississippi NCC 201151)





Rec-Dec

Boo at Niabi Zoo (October)

I took advantage of an excellent opportunity as Captain of the USS Mighty Mississippi, and volunteered to participate with KALA radio of St. Ambrose University, for 'Boo at the Zoo', a fundraiser for our small local zoo. On October 29th, Saturday morning began at 6:00 am and a chilly 29 degrees. Donning a pirate costume (and a few extra layers), I ventured across the mighty Mississippi, into Illinois where I met up with a fellow pirate and Starbase 03 Fleet Captain, James Olson. Together, we descended on our target, Niabi Zoo, in Coal Valley IL. At 8:00 am, as our transport set down in the parking lot, we observed only one other vehicle. That would turn out to be William Van Brunt, acting Captain of the USS Lobo of Moline, IL, and his granddaughter, Keri Clark. We had just enough time to speak with Bill and make introductions before Zoo staff descended on us in 'Deere Gators & UATV's. We soon discovered their sole purpose that morning was to shuttle us to our appointed area. At this point, we each looked to the other,... waiting for the other to make the first move and vacate the warmth of our vehicles, as the temp had only climbed to 30 degrees, but, alas, duty called. Loading our supplies into the gators, we were soon ferried to our assigned area, already complete with bales of hay.



As the SFC members were the first to arrive, we took charge and arranged the table and bales into a useful design. Our host, and sponsor, KALA FM Radio's operations manager David Baker arrived, along with students and other volunteers. Introductions were made, the banner and signs went up and candy was set out. We were stationed across from the lion's den and as we set up, the big male came out and serenaded us. (or warned us, still not sure which.) His roar could be heard throughout the zoo. That sound, in all its furiousness, was truly awe-inspiring.

(Starbase 03 FC James Olson and USS Mighty Mississippi CO Rose Compton, freezing their pips off!)

The sun was finally beginning to rise and all was coming together nicely except that my hands were now frozen and we still had half an hour before the gates opened. Acting as any pirate would in those circumstances, I asked Keri Clark, the youngest of the group, if she would like to run off to the tropics. She agreed and we spent the next 20 minutes in the Tropical bird sanctuary, where not only was it warm but we were entertained by one specific parrot that took a liking to us. Its antics and showing off kept us chuckling.



9:30 am finally arrived along with the sun and the zoo patrons. It began as a trickle that turned into a tidal wave and for the next few hours, we were very busy sharing our treasure of candy and about 1300 Star Trek /TNG coloring pages with the little ones in costume. If I am lucky enough to be invited back next year, I must keep in mind that 10 lbs (over 700 pieces) of candy is not nearly enough!! ;)



CO. Rose Compton (pirate)



Starbase 03 FC James Olson & Cdr. William Van Brunt (in yellow)



Rose Compton, James Olson & William Van Brunt



Hold that pillaging thought... incoming message!

Niabi Zoo presents a fun weekend for one of the most popular holidays of the year for children: Halloween! " Boo at the Zoo" provides children with the opportunity to have a merry, not scary, fun time in a controlled and safe environment. Businesses and non-profit organizations participate by decorating a designated area in a Halloween theme, staff the booth dressed in costume, and give out goodies to the children as they trick-or-treat around the zoo. This is a major fundraiser for the Zoo and all proceeds go toward maintaining the zoo. Later in the week, I spoke with Zoo representatives and found out that Saturday was host to 7700 individuals passing through the gates, a record for this fundraiser. Sunday hosted another 3500, bringing the total to 11,200 individuals. All proceeds stay with the Zoo and plans are to use a portion to help fund a new Elephant Habitat with the remaining \$\$ going to various projects in and around the zoo.

Festival of Trees (November)

For most people, the day after Thanksgiving, traditionally known as 'Black Friday', is a day spent shopping and finding good deals on gifts for Christmas. For the USS Mighty Mississippi, it was a great day to visit the 'Festival of Trees'.

More than a premier holiday event, Festival of Trees is the annual fundraiser for Quad City Arts, a local not-for-profit arts agency. It takes more than 3,500 volunteers, over 650 designers, nearly 3,500 Center Stage entertainers, and over 150 Sponsors help to make Festival of Trees possible. Over 100,000 people experience Festival annually, making it one of the largest attractions in the Quad Cities.

This fundraiser makes it possible for Quad City Arts to provide quality arts programming year round for residents of six counties in Eastern Iowa and Western IL. It also allows QC Arts to serve as an arts resource to artists of all disciplines, provide arts educational development for youth and outreach to other non-profit organizations.



Along with all the beautifully decorated trees, there are also gingerbread houses, holiday cakes, and wreaths, all available for purchase or raffle.



SB 03 Holiday Pot-Luck (December)

On a crisp (32 degrees F) Saturday afternoon, we ventured from the warmth of our home to join in the Star Base 03 Holiday get together. We shared a basic review of our last 7 months and a view of the upcoming months. We hope to be making some minor changes in 2012. Guests of honor included SB 03 Chief of OPS, Lt. Nancy Bailey (via phone) from Montreal, Quebec and the SFC/SBI Awards.



Lt. Nancy Bailey



Starbase of the Year



Senior Officer of the Year



Junior Officer of the Year

Regional awards were presented A gift give-away and an auction were also held. Then we got down to the serious business of sharing some delicious treats and watching "YesterYear" the animated series.



FCpt James Olson & USS Lobo CO William Van Brunt, receiving regional award.



Aaron Clark, guest and FO Ed Ciccarone to the left.



Community Awareness

This time of year is always busy with Holiday activities and adding community awareness events just increases the chaos. (I love it!!)

For "Boo @ the Zoo" we volunteered our time to pass out treats on Saturday morning and provided a little over 10 pounds of candy. As this was the first time we had participated in this event, we had no idea what to expect. Next Year we will be better prepared.

Below: FO Ed Ciccarone loads the runabout with the Fall Challenge collection.



We placed a challenge on FB and to SFC members to aid the local animal shelter of their choice. We received a good response from facebook over all and acceptance of 4 SFC members/groups. Adm. Mark Williams and USS Gorkon reported that they had completed a drop off. The USS Winfield Scott and USS Davenport accepted the challenge, but we have heard back as to their progress. The collection consisted of blankets, towels, cloth rugs, newspapers, shoeboxes and an assortment of gently used toys. To this, we added 2 bales of Timothy grass for the rabbits, 2 new litter boxes, 4 small cat feeding bowls, 4 gallons of bleach, and an assortment of doggie treats. Nestle Purina was good enough to donate and deliver 60 bags each of Puppy Chow and Kitten Chow, in our name. The donation went to the Scott County Humane Society, located here in Davenport, IA.

For December, we adopted a kennel at the Humane Society. The adoption donation goes to caring for whichever canine is housed in that kennel for the month.

Along with the collections, we also donated to the United Way and the annual Toys for Tots program received 8 new items.





Thank you... to Ke'reth epetai Makura for assisting us in developing the Mighty Mississippi seal.

Thank you... to St. Ambrose University, KALA FM radio and David Baker for allowing us to participate with/in "Boo @ the Zoo".

Thank you... to the other members of SFC who participated in the Fall Animal Shelter Challenge. We appreciate it.

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